

**Amendment to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 14-15 with the following amended paragraph:

The lead frame structure 8 shown in Fig. 2 implements the circuit shown in Fig. 1, with respective components and connections denoted with equivalent reference numbers marked by a slash (').

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 16-21 with the following amended paragraph:

The lead frame structure 8 shown in Fig. 2 incorporates a track 18' for connection with the positive supply voltage  $+U_{BAT}$  and a track 20' for connection with the negative supply voltage  $-U_{BAT}$ . Furthermore, tracks 12', 14' and 16' are provided for connection with the phase windings U, V and W. Power transistors T1 to T6, 22' to 32' are electrically connected directly to lead frames 112, 114 and 116, the lead frames acting as a support component for the power transistors, thus minimizing resistance caused by additional cable wire lengths and plug or solder connections.